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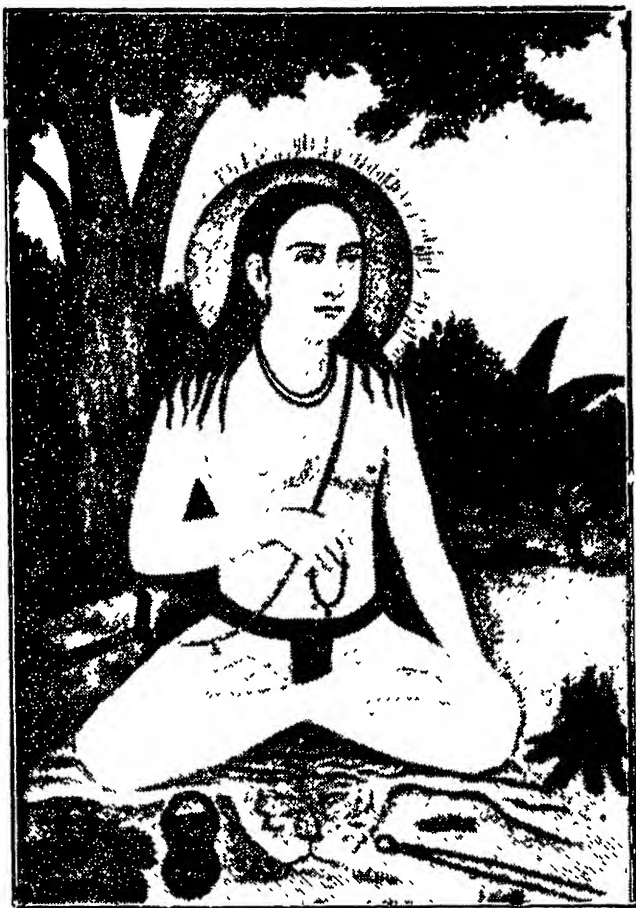
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श्री ११०८ श्री उदासीनाचार्य बालयति श्री चन्द्र जी महाराज

FOREWORD

This Sabha first of all humbly bow to the memory of the late Jagat Guru Shri Chandra Dev, a protagonist of the Udayin Sampraday, through whose grace the moniganda work and the Reading Room came to a successful termination. His followers are not found only in India, but monasteries set up by him still exist even beyond her limits just as in Kabul, Kandhar etc. The monks and mendicants attached to these monasteries are even today sincerely prepared to make sacrifices in the cause of the Sanatan Dharma and Indian culture. It was after the name of this Super-human soul that this Sabha (association) was given birth to in 1921 at the holy Tirth of Sadhubela Sukkar, Sind with its cardinal aim of all sided human service. It has since been

serving the public with such reading rooms as the one under review at all events of Hardwar and Prayag Kumbhs and Ardh Kumbhs.

The President of the Sabha is His Holiness Shri Mahant Swami Harnam Das ji of Sadhv-bela Sukkar Sindh. His Services are well known to the whole of India. To say any thing more in his introduction here is as futile as to point out the sun with a torch.

Its Vice-President is His Holiness Shri Mahant Lakshman Das ji Sajjade Nashin of Dehra Dun, who is renowned far and wide for his munificence, religious sentimentality and humanitarian services. We pray to Almighty for his happy long life, so that he might be able to serve the Sadhus and the rest of mankind for ages to come. The Sanatan Dharm Updeshahak, Shri Suteekshan Muni ji is the Secretary of the Sabha. It is too inadequate to whatever extent he may be praised for his spirit of love and service.

The Sabha offers its best thanks to the following Saints and wish them a bright career of national service.

1. Shri 108 Mahant Jamnna Das ji Shree Panch of the Panch Parmeshwar Udasin Bara Akhara, who so kindly helped the Reading Room with his good counsels and also supplied ration for its office bearers.
2. Shri Mahant Adram ji, Mahant Prem Das ji and Mahant Hardeva Nand ji, for their occasional inspections of the institution.
3. Shri Baba Dharmdas ji, who remained personally interested throughout in the affairs of the work.
4. Shri Mahant Shyam Das ji Panch-Parmeshwar Naya Akhara for his good wishes.
5. Shri Mahant Sant Ram ji Sangalwala Akhara Amritsar for his liberal contributions.
6. Shri Mahant Bachan Das ji Chaubacha Sahba, Lahore.
7. Shri Swami Darshana Nand ji Vedant

Keshari, founder of the Shrichandra Mahavidyalaya, Kashi.

8. Swami Santosha Nand ji who helped in the erection of the Pandal and arranged for preachings and lectures.
9. Shri Swami Chaitanya Dev ji Bhimgoda who heartily cooperated with the workers of the Sabha.
10. Shri Master Keshava Chandra ji, Secretary of the Durbar Guru Ram Rai Saheb, who so kindly fulfilled the wants of the Reading Room and helped in the decoration of the Pandal.

The Sabha further extends its thanks to the under named Pandits, who so kindly served the audience of the Pandal with their sermons and lectures from time to time.

1. Shri Mandaleshwara Pandit Gangeshwara Nand ji Udasin Ved-Darshanacharya.
2. Shri Navya-Prachin Nyayacharya



Late Kothari Baba Haridas ji.

Paribrajacharya Sri Swami Harnam Das ji,

Sadhubela Tirth Sukka Sind.

स्वर्गीय श्री कोठारी बाबा हरिदास जी । परित्राजकाचार्य श्री महन्त श्री स्वामी हरनामदास जी,

साधु-बेला तीर्थ समुखर सिध ।

Udasin, Paramhansavatans, Mandleshwar Ratandas ji.

3. Pandit Gauri Shankar ji Vyakhyan Vachaspati, Katha-Bhaskar.
4. Shri Swami Pandit Ishwara Nand ji.
5. Swami Pandit Jeevan Mukht ji.

For the achievements of the Sabha the credit goes to the Sants and Mahants of the Udasin Samaj who for the public benefit helped the Sabha heart and soul and with money as well on this holy occasion; and occasionally encouraged the office-bearers of the Sabha. The Sabha therefore pay homage to these high personages and wish them long life.

Thanks are also due to the following persons and the institutions for their timely helps :—

1. Shri Darshan Ratan ji.
2. P. Sharva Nand ji Mandleshwar.
3. Kothari Baba Govind Das ji Sadhbela Camp.

4. Shriman Dayal ji I/c Shrant Muni Nivas.
5. Natavar ji.
6. Shri Mukami Baba Vishandas ji.
7. Shri Kothari Baba Gopaldas ji Akhara Hardwar.
8. Mukami Santram ji Hon. Magistrate.
9. Shri Lakshman Ayurvedic Rasayan Shala.
10. Ramkrishna Mission.
11. Nizam Sadar Dawakhana.
12. Sarb Dukh Nivaran Dawakhana.
13. Mahant Baba Sukh Ram Das ji,
Bangalore.

The above mentioned dispensaries administered relief free of charge to thousands of patients during the Kumbh. Swami Santosha Nand ji's work is highly commendable in this direction also.

Moreover the sabha owes a deep debt of gratitude to the following officials for their timely helps and sympathies :—

1. Mr. K. M Malcolm i.o.s. Mela-Officer.
2. Mr. Hunt, Supdt. Police I/c. Mela Police.
3. Rai Sahib Mohan Lal Bhargav
Executive Officer, Hardwar.
4. Deputy Post Master Lucknow, as Post Master on Kumbh Hardwar.
5. Chaudhri Narayan Singh S. O Kumbh Mela Kotwali Hardwar.
6. Pandit Bholanath Pant, Ex-deputy Collector Tehri-Garhwal.
7. Rai Bahadur K. P. Mathur, D. P. H.
(London) etc.
Asstt. Director of Public Health U.P.
8. Babu Indra Singh Prop. the United Motor Transport Coy. Dehra Dun.
9. Messrs Devi Das Bhagwan Das who supplied water to the pilgrims during the Kumbh

Baba Purandas

of Udasin Ashram Hyderabad (Deccan)

In-charge Kumbh-Mela Reading Room.



MY TWO WORDS.

—O—

I had had the pleasure of visiting the Shri Chandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room and of reading news paper comments and visitor's remarks about it. I have a great regard for the Udasin achievements.

Apart from spiritual and scientific wonders worked individually, the collective activities of our Sadhus have heretofore remained more or less confined to the making of Dharmshalas and temples, starting of Sadavarts and Pyaos and giving of Bhandaras (sumptuous feasts) etc. But now the installation of libraries, reading rooms and Pandals by our Udasin Sadhu Samaj on occasions like Kumbh is a novelty, which takes the Sadhus a step beyond their primitive orbit, and which brings high honour not only to the Udasins but to all the Sadhus in the hearts of those who make no distinction among them.



Shree 1008 Shree Sanatan Dharm Stambh Danbir
His Holiness Shree Mahant Lakshman Das Ji
Maharaj, Darbar Shree Guru Ram Rai Sahib,
Dehra Dun.

श्री १००८ श्री सनातन धर्म स्तम्भ दानवीर
हिज्ज होलिनैस श्री महन्त लक्ष्मणदास जी महाराज
दरवार श्री गुरु रामराय साहिब देहरादून।

Amidst so many charities, where Sadhus and almsmen were being fed so lavishly how pleasant it was to see our intelligentia entertained with intellectual dishes by our Udasin Sadhus. It was of course an unique gift acceptable to all rich and poor alike irrespective of their religious scruples.

In this connection it would not perhaps be out of place to say that my individual impression based on an eye witnessed story of an Udasin Sadhu, Ramdas ji is that the Udasins are most selflessly serviceable characters sincerely devoted to the teachings of their Great Guru Shrichandra Dev. Touched by the sight of a few cattle and a man getting drowned in the Ganges while fording it at Nagun on the way to Gangotri, this Sadhu Ramdas ji at the age of 90 quite destitute and helpless as he was eventually succeeded in getting a Pakka suspension bridge constructed over there by virtue of his long persistent Hercules' choice. He died soon after the bridge was declared open;

but the bridge is there to ever commemorate the glory of our Sadhus

Inculcating the spirit of charity and social service and imparting the knowledge of world affairs by means of a stock of good books, numerous periodicals and preachings; and above all providing shelter to the fatigued pilgrims under the thatched pavilion, the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room with its Pandal at Hardwar on this holy occasion of the Kumbh of 1938 has won for its founders universal affection-worth emulating.

I was delighted all the more when I learnt that the chief spirits at the bottom of all this were their world renowned Holinenes Shri Swami Harnamdas ji Maharaj of Sadhbela Sukkar(Sind)and Shri Mahant Lakshmandasji Maharaj Sajjade Nashin of Dehra Dun; and distinguished among the apostles of the cause was Baba Purandas ji Udasin of Hyderabad (Deccan).

May the Lord give our Udasin Mahatmas strength and wisdom to play the role of our ancient Rishis for the all sided uplift of our mother land-India.

With respectful Pranams to all Saints.

BHOLANATH PANT

*Ex-Dy. Collector & Zamindar,
DEHRA DUN.*





Shreeman Karam Vir Belsh Rattan
Mahant Shree Bava Purnan Das ji Udasin Ashram,
Hydradabad (Deccan).
श्रीमान् कर्मवीर भेषरत्न महन्त श्री बाबा पूर्णदाम जी
उदासीनाश्रम हैदराबाद (दक्षिण)

A FEW IMPORTANT OPINIONS

O N

“Free Reading Room”

A T

Hardwar Kumbha Mela



Hindi Milap Lahore, 9-2-1938

(English translation.)

There appears the camp of the Udasin Mandal in the garden of B. Nihalchand. Mahant Purandas ji is getting the camp erected. A very big Reading Room is being set up, wherein the piligims will get news papers of all the parts of the world. 400 pilgrims will be able to read the papers at a time. Mahant Harinam Das ji of Sukkar

India. Besides the Indian papers, new papers from England, France, Germany and America will also be available. Arrangements have been made for getting the foreign papers by Air mail. 500 readers will be seated at a time on the Pandal of the Reading Room, which will remain open day and night. This will be declared open on 25-2-1938 at 2 p. m.

Hindu Saptahik, Hardwar, 16-2-1938

(English translation.)

A splendid library together with a Reading Room is being founded by Shri Guru Shri-chandra Udasin Updeshak, Sabha in front of Bhimgoda. The President of the Library is Shri 108 Mahant Harinamdas ji Gaddi Nashin Sadhubela Tirth Sukkar and Vice President Shri 108 Mahant Lakshmandas ji Maharaj of Dehra Dun. The opening ceremony of that Library will be performed by His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas Sahib on 18-2-1938.



Shree 108 Shreeman Mahant Baba Sukhram Das ji Maharaj,
Udasin Mat Kalpalli Bangalore Cantt.

श्री १०८ श्रीमान् महन्त बाबा सुखरामदास जी महाराज
उदाशीन मठ गौशाला कलपल्ली बैंगलोर कैंट

Nava Yug Delhi 21-2-1938

(English translation.)

The Shri Gurn Shrichandra Updeshak Sabha has arranged to start a free Reading Room at Hardwar for Kumbh. For this a spacious and well decorated Pandal has been built near Bhimgoda under the management of Mahant Baba Purandas ji of Hyderabad (Deccan). This Reading Room will store news papers of all the languages of India in their sufficient number of copies. Papers from England, France, Germany and America will also be available. Foreign papers will be sent for by Air Mail. The Pandal is so arranged as to accommodate 1000 readers at a time. Every thing is done for their comforts. This Reading Room will remain open day & night

This is a phenominal work on the occasion of Hardwar Kumbh. On 6th February last while inspecting the preparations of the Reading Room, the Hon'ble Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit Minister for Local Self Govt. U. P. appreciated the aims of the Reading Room, expressed her good wishes

for its Success and offered thanks to Shri Mahant Purandas ji and his assistant Swami Santoshanand for their good management.

Outlook New Delhi 23-2 38

Kumbh Mela Hardwar.

Shri Jagat Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has arranged to open a free reading room on the occasion of Kumbh Mela at Hardwar. A grand and well decorated Pandal has been built under the supervision of Mahant Baba Purandas ji of Hyderabad (Deccan), for the reading room at Bhimgoda, Hardwar. The arrangement of seats for the readers have been made in a grand scale. Five hundred people can read at one time and elaborate management or comforts of the readers have also been made on the modern system. The reading room will remain open for the readers for day and night.

In the reading room sufficient copies of the Indian news papers of every language as daily, weekly and monthly will be provided.

Besides these the foreign news papers as from England, France, Germany and America have also been ordered by the Air mail.

On the 6th Feby. last after the inspection of the preparations of management for the proposed reading room, the Hon'ble Mrs. Vijaya Lakshami Pandit Minister for Local Self Govt. U. P. appreciating the aims of the work which has been done for the benefit of the general public expressed her good wishes for its success and offered thanks to Mahant Baba Purandas and his assistant Swami Santoshanand work in-charge.

The opening ceremony of the reading room will be performed on the 25th Feby. at 2 p.m. by His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Durbar Shri Guru Ram Rai Sahib, Dehra Dun Besides the local general public all the respectable gentlemen are invited to attend the function and it is anticipated that many prominent citizens, officials and non-officials, of neighbouring towns will also be present in the function.

Dainik Partap, Cawnpore 23-2-38

Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has arranged to open a free reading room at Hardwar on the occasion of the Kumbh. For the Reading Room at Bhimgoda a very big Pandal has been erected under the supervision of Mahant Baba Purandas ji Maharaj of Hyderabad (Deccan). The Reading Room maintains as many copies as possible of all the news papers daily, weekly and monthly of different languages of India. There is an arrangement of seating 500 readers at a time. Every thing is complete for their comforts. This will remain open day and night. It is no doubt a strange thing on this occasion of Hardwar Kumbh. On the 6th Feby. last, when inspecting the management of the Reading Room, the Hon'ble Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit Minister for Local Self Govt. U. P. appreciating the aims of the Reading Room expressed her good wishes for its success and offered thanks to Mahant Shri Baba



Shreeman Master Keshev Chandra ji Udasin,
Manager Shree Darbar Guru Ram Rai Sahib
Dehra Dun.

श्रीमान् मास्टर केशवचन्द्र जी उदासीन
मैनेजर श्री द्वार गुरु रामराय साहिब देहरादून

Purandas ji and his assistant Swami Santoshanand for its excellent management.

Hindustan Hindi 24-2-1938

(*English translation.*)

Hardwar Feby. 23.

A huge pandal is being erected near Bhimgoda, in behalf of the Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha. On the fore front there will be a well decorated, furnished and spacious Reading Room. The Reading Room has come to its existence since February 1, but it will be declared open on 25-2-1938 by His Holiness Lakshman Das Sahib of Dehra Dun.

Dainik Bharat Hindi 25-2-1938

(*English translation.*)

The Guru Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha has arranged to open a Free Reading Room at Hardwar on the occasion of the Kumbh. For this at Bhimgoda a very big

Pandal has been erected under the supervision of Mahant Baba Purandas ji Maharaj of Hyderabad (Deccan). The Reading Room maintains as many as possible copies of all the news papers daily, weekly and monthly of different languages of India. There is an arrangement for seating 500 readers at a time. Every thing is done for their comforts. This will remain open day and night. It is, no doubt, a strange thing on this occasion of Hardwar Kumbh. On 6th Feby. last when inspecting the Management of the Reading Room, the Hon'ble Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Minister Local Self Govt. U P. appreciating the aims and objects of the Reading Room expressed her good wishes for its success and thanked the Mahant Baba Puran Das ji and his assistant Swami Santoshanand for its excellent management.

Lokmanya 25-2-1938

(English translation.)

Swami Harinam Das ji of Sukkar (Sindhi) has started an Ana Kshetra (free food supply

depot) since the Maghi Purnima (full moon day) for the pilgrims, Sadhus, Mahatmas etc who are expected at the ensuing Kumbh; which will continue till the last bath of the holy Kumbh. He has also got a big Reading Room established in his camping ground, which provides for news papers, dailies, weeklies, monthlies of different languages. Pyaas (supply of drinking water) and two charitable dispensaries are also maintained for the comfort and service of the pilgrims.

Pratap Hindi Dainik 27-2-1938

(English translation.)

KUMBH NEWS.

A splendid grand pandal is being constructed near Bhimgoda by the workes of Shri Jagad Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. Mahant Shri Purandasji Maharaj of Udasin Ashram Hyderabad Deccan is very ably carrying out the management of this pandal. There is in front of this a spacious Reading Room. The Reading Room was set

up on February 1, but its opening ceremony will take place today on February 25, with the hands of His Hsiness Mahant Shri !Lakshman Das ji of Dehra Dun. The Pandal on the back of this will be used for holding meetings of several conferences such as Vaidya Sammelan, Brahman Sammelan, Hindi Sammelan, Gaoraksha Sammelan Sadhu Sammelan and others.

English translation of the letter dated 26 2-1938 from Pt. Shivchandra Raj Vaidya Ayurvaid Pracharak Company Hardwar, to the Manager Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha.

The dignity and grandeur with which the opening ceremony of the Shirchandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room and Pandal was celebrated on 25th Feby 1938 was indeed worth seeing. The creation of such a reading room for this auspicious occasion of Kumbh is of course worth imitating by other Sadhu institutions.



Shreemān Sampardai Sevak Pt Swami Santosha Nand ji
 Proprietor Shree Lakshman Ayurvedic Rasayn Shala,
 Dehra Dun.

श्रीमान् सम्प्रदाय सेवक परिडित स्वामी सन्तोषानन्द जी
 प्रोप्राइटर श्री लक्ष्मणायुर्वेदिक रसायन शाला देहरादून

Purandas ji's management in this direction is most creditable.

Hindi Milap, 27-2-1938

(english translation.)

Dehra Dun, Feby. 23rd.

Just opposite to Bhimgoda an imposing Pandal is being erected by the Shri Jagadguru Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha. On the back side of it several conferences will be held. Kathas and Upadesh will be recited and speeches will be given, It will be fitted with a loud speaker.

On this very Pandal highly beneficial conferences like Vaidya Sammelan, Hindi Sammelan, Brahman Sammelan, Gaoraksha Sammelan, Sadhu Sammelan etc will be held.

Shraddhanand, Delhi, Monthly, March 1938
(english translation.)

On the banks of the Ganges by the main road side at Bhimgoda Hardwar the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has opened a very big free Reading Room for the Kumbh pilgrims. Besides this two charitable dispensaries have also been started for the benifit of the pilgrims. All these benevolent works are being carried out by the aforesaid Sabha under the management of Shri Mahatma Purandas ji.

Hindu, Delhi

(english translation.)

At Hardwar a free Reading Room and Pandal have been built by the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. This Reading Room has been started under the supervision of Shri 108 Swami Purandas ji Udasin by the aforesaid Sabha. There are also two charitable dispensaries under his

charge. These will treat the pilgrims free on Kumbh occasion.

Hindu Hardwar 1st March 1938

(english translation.)

In the garden of L. Nihalchand at Bhimgoda, a gigantic Reading Room and vas Pandal for Dharmprachar are being made up by the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. This Sabha has ever been serving the Hindu public and propagating the Vaidik Dharm with full zeal on occasions like Kumbh, Ardh Kumbh and other auspicious times. In the Reading Room news papers of every kind in hundreds are available. The leading papers and leaders of India highly appreciated this work. We congratulate Shri Swami Hernamdas of Sadhu Bela (President), His Holiness Mahant Lakshman Das ji of Dehra Dun, Vice President, and Shri 108 Mahant Purandas ji Secretary of the Sabha, for their highly commendable enterprise.

Hindu Weekly, Hardwar 1-3-1938

(english translation.)

A grand Library with Reading Room has been started at Bhimgoda by Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha. It provides for foreign papers in addition to all the Indian news papers. On 25-2-38 His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Maharaj declared it open.

Hindu Weekly Hardwar 1-3-1938

(english translation.)

In behalf of Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Upadeshak Sabha a big Library and Reading Room has been opened just opposite Bhimgoda. This keeps in all some foreign papers in addition to all the papers of India. On 25-2-38 His Holiness Shri Mahant Lakshmandas Sahib of Dehradun declared it open. On this occasion all the eminent persons of the town were present in a big number. The audience was welcomed with Prasad. The



Shree 108 Shreeman Mahant Bachan Das Ji, Chauthachha Guru
Ram Rai Sahib, Mugalpura, Lahore.

श्री १०८ श्रीमान् महन्त बचन दासजी चौबच्चा गुरु रामराय साहिब
मुगलपुरा लाहोर ।

public highly appreciates and compliments Shri 108 Mahant Harnamdas ji President, His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Vice President, and Shri 108 Mahant Baba Puran Das ji Secretary of the Sabha, for their gigantic and philanthropic work like this.

Hindi Milap 2-3-1938

(english translation.)

Hardwar, Feb. 26-In honor of the Kumbh Mela the Udasi Sadhus have opened a free Reading Room near Bhimgoda. His Holiness Mahant Shri Lakshmandas Sajjade Nashin of Dehra Dun declared the Reading Room open. Many respectable gentlemen and Sadhu, Saints were present.

Vir Arjun, 4-3-1938

(english translation.)

Guru Shrichandra. Udasin Updeshak Sabha has started a big Reading Room close

to the Bhimgoda Station on a vast ground, where more than 250 foreign and Indian newspapers will be available. For the readers more than one thousand chairs have been provided for. Adequate supply of light has also been arranged. Attached to Reading Room a largely spacious Pandal has been built for hundreds of rupees. On this leaders of every sect and creed of Hindus will preach their Dharm. Besides this a free dispensary has also been opened. All this is being done under the management of Mahatma Purandas ji and His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji.

Anandbazar Patrika 4-3-1938,

(*english translation.*)

The Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has founded a free Reading Room and Vast Pandal at Bhimgoda for the use of the Kumbh pilgrims; where english, Hindi, Bengali and papers of other languages, weeklies and dailies are available. The opening ceremony was performed on 25-2-38

by His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas Sahib
of Lehra Dun. It's organisor is Shri Mahant
Purandas ji Maharaj.

(English translation)

Copy of letter of Kaviraj Bhagwant Rai Jain Vaid
Desh Rakshak Aushadhalaya, Malerkotla Stato 7-3-1938.

DEAR REVEREND SECRETARY,

Fortunately I had had the opportunity of
visiting your Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin
Updeshak Sabha Reading Room and Pandal
yesterday. I am very glad what appropriate
and time serving works you have been
doing.

Hindi Milap Lahore 8-3-1938

(english translation.)

The Reading Room established by the
Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha is
becoming a thing most interesting to the
literate public.

Copy of letter No. D/4-23 of 11th March 1938
From the Dy. Supdt. of Police I/c Dangal Hardwar to His
Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Dehra Dun,

It has given us great pleasure to know that the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has installed a free Reading Room and Pandal for the public. We are going to hold a police Dangal in aid of the benevolent fund the aim of which is to ameliorate the conditions of the poor widows and orphans of the members of the police force.

We shall be grateful if you kindly arrange to let us have the use of the Pandal for April 3, 5, 7 and 9, 1938. With thanks,

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Hindustan 11-3-1938

(english translation.)

Shri Mahant Purandas ji Secretary of the Udasin Updeshak Sabha and organisor of the Bhimgoda Free Reading Room also attended the meeting, inspite of his so many,



Late Shree 108 Shree Mahant Gokul Das ji,
Shree Udasin Panchayati Bara Akhara.

स्वर्गीय श्री १०८ श्री महन्त गोकुलदास जी
श्री उदासीन पञ्चायति अखाड़ा बड़ा

engagements. x x x x

Unity in Sadhu Samaj.

By the grace of God, learned Mahants, Sants and others of all classes of Sadhu Samajs have assembled on this auspicious occasion of Kumbh at this holy place of Hardwar. We wish that taking full advantage of this opportunity the Sadhu Samaj should have been well organised and misunderstandings that crept in should go away for ever. Last time on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room, when on one side His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas Maharaj with other Udasin Sadhus was present and on the other side Shri 108 Mahant Shantanand ji together with other Sanyasi Sadhus was sitting, it displayed a peculiar sight. We wish and pray "May Almighty bless us always with such success and Sadhu Samaj be soon organised.

Dainik Vasumati, Calcutta 12-3-1938,

(english translation from Begali.)

A gorgeous library founded by the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha at Bhimgoda, Hardwar for the use of the Kumbh Mela pilgrims was declared open. This library maintains all the news papers of India and abroad. Attached to this is a big handsome Pandal, where great Saints preach their sermons.

Thanks are due to Shri Mahant Purandas ji of Hyderabad (Deccan) and other Saints for this benevolent undertaking. No better service can be done to the mankind than this.

Hitkari, Lucknow (Urdu) 16-3-1938

(english translation,)

By starting libraries and Reading Rooms at holy places on occasions of public gatherings the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak

Sabha has furnished the general public with the sources of religious and cultural knowledge. Numerous news papers are provided for the use of the people, and nothing is accepted in aid of this charitable work from other than Udasin Sadhus. It was generally presumed that the Udasin Akharas pertains simply to devotional works, but from their maintaining such libraries which contain thousands of news papers dailies, weeklies in English, Hindi Urdu, Gujarati, Bengali etc., languages, It is evident that the Udasins worked a lot in the past for the cause of Sanatan Dharm and the Udasin Sabha is now running a free Reading Room and library in a grand scale for the occasion of Hardwar Kumbh. Mahant Purandas ji Udasin is being highly applauded from all sides for his excellent management.

Hindi Milap 18-3-1938

(english translation.)

There is also a Reading Room under the

supervision of the Mahant Sahib of Sadhu Bela. This Pandal is so beautifully made that it delights one to see it. The fatigue of a visitor tired of distance journey subsides soon after he sits under the cooling shade of its roofing. This Reading Room is a tangible proof of the munificence and love of learning of both their Holinesses the Mahants of Sadhubela and Dehra Dun.

Statesman, Delhi 19-3-1938

+ But perhaps one of the most useful places at the mela is the free Reading Room and Pandal of the Udasis, which contains 300 news papers and magazines in different languages. It is managed by Baba Purandas Udasi of Hyderabad (Deccan) with the help of the funds subscribed by the Udasins themselves. The Pandal will be the meeting place of most of the important conferences, which are to be held here during the Kumbh.



Shree 108 Shree Mahant Yamuna Das Ji Maharaj

Shree Udasin Panchayati Bara. Akhara

श्री १०८ श्री महन्त यमुनादास जी महाराज,

श्री उदासीन पञ्चायती अखाड़ा बड़ा ।

Rishi Sandesh, Chaitra

(english translation from Benqali.)

Just go a bit towards north and have a
glimps of Shri Mahant Purandas ji Udasin.
Getting at this spot, if you feel the necessity
of recess and recreation do seek your entry
into the Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak
Sabha Reading Room standing near at
hand. + + + + +

Hindustan Times, Delhi 23-3-1938

MEERUT, MARCH 21.

The Secretary of the All India Vaidya
Seva Samiti Meerut, informs that a Vaid
Conference will be held at Hardwar at
Shrichandra Free Library on April 5, 6 and
7 during the Kumbh Mela week.

Leader, Allahabad 23-3-1938

A most attractive place at Bhimgoda is

the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room and Pandal of which Shri Mahant of Sadhubela Sukkar (Sindh) is the President and His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas is the Vice President and which is managed by Baba Purandas ji Udasi of Hyderabad (Deccan). The Reading Room has 300 news papers and magazines in differrent languages and remains open from morning till evening. The Pandal is a spacious one and it will be in this Pandal that most of the conferences and important functions will be held during the Kumbh. It has a separate Reading Room for ladies and four dispensaries. It is a purely Udasins organisation financed and mauaged by them. It accepts donations from the Udasins only.

Milap (Urdu) 24-3-1938

(english translation.)

A very big library has been established on bahalf of the Udasins at Bhimgoda. It has news papers in every language. Even

London papers can be had here for Reading. Baba Purandas ji is in charge of this office. He is very particular about the comforts of the readers. The hall has more than 500 chairs to sit on. A separate Reading Room is made for ladies. Previous days papers are put in file every morning and they are replaced by new ones, so that no body could complain.

Saptahik Hindu Hardwar 24-3-1938

(english translation.)

On the 25th February last when declaring the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room open, His Holiness Mahant Lakshmandas ji Maharaj spoke as follows :—

Ever since the creation of this world knowledge has been the only source of the evolution of human civilization. Like the ancient Rishis, Sadhus of modern India have it their sacred duty to propagate knowledge (Gyan) for the benefit of all living beings.

It is simply to respond the call of duty in accordance with on traditions and doctrins of Shri Guru Shrichandra, the founder of the Udasin Sampraday that the project of building up this grand free Reading Room was contemplated for the cause of enlightenment. When I think of the out-come of this colossal enterprise, my heart is of course filled with excessive joy. Considering the prospects of this I can confidently say that the Udasin Sadhus have laid this as a foundation stone for the evolution of human civilization.

Gentlemen ! at this unprecedented event my appreciation and thanks are due to him together with his assistants—I mean that Baba Purandas ji of brilliant personality wrapped in black Kambal—who got this magestic mandap erected by his untiring energies surmounting all the difficulties and handicaps that lay in his path. Further in behalf of the Udasin Sabha and myself I thank you all the gentlemen, who graced



Shree 108 Shree Mahant Adi Ram Ji Maharaj Shree Udasin
Panchayati Bara Akhara (Present)

वर्तमान

श्री १०८ श्री महन्त आदि रामजी महाराज श्री उदासीन पंचायती
बड़ा अखाड़ा ।

this function even at the sacrifice of their other important engagements.

Vir Bharat (Urdu) Lahore 26-3-1938

(english translation.)

The Shri Jagat Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Free Reading Room remains at all times crowded far more than any other Reading Rooms, since it is the most renowned Reading Room at Hardwar.

Tej (Urdu) 26-3-1938

(english translation.)

Because on this occasion educated public is also expected, the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha has opened a splendid Reading Room near Bhimgoda station on a spacious field.

National Call 24-3-1938

Punjab Mahavir Dal Camp opened at
Bhimgoda.

HARDWAR 28-3-1938

In the afternoon Baba Purandas ji of Hyderabad (Deccan) performed the flag hoisting ceremony at the Camp after which the opening ceremony commenced.

Statesman 28-3-1938

Baba Purandas of Hyderabad (Deccan) hoisted the flag of the Mahavir Dal Camp and wished success to its organisers in rendering help to the pilgrims.

Tej Daily, Delhi 29-3-1938

(english translation.)

The Hardwar Kumbh Mela appears growing up in lusture day by day. Here and there are the encampments of the Sadhus.

Most of them seem to belong to the Udasi Sadhus. Of all the camps, management of that of the Sadhubela (Sukkar, Sind) is the best. This camp is in front of the hermit of Swami Kamaldas. Sadhus and saints are being feasted almost every day at the camps of Sadhubela and Swami Kamaldas ji. The other day there was a Bhandara or grand feast at the hermit of Swami Kamaldas ji, when thousands of Sadhus were served with Laddu, Halwa, Puris and Kachauris. Yesterday, Sadhbela camp had a still greater Bhandara.

On the open field in front of the camp thousands of Sadhus were served with food many a time and afterwards the poor were fed. On enquiry it was learnt that about 10 thousand Pattals [plates of leaves] were used up; and this excludes the number of those poor men who took food in their palm. From these Bhandaras it is concluded that Udasi Sadhus are really very liberal in feeding others.

A very big and magnificent Reading

Room is being run at Bhimgoda at the expenses and management of the Udasin Updeshak Sabha.

Arjun 30-3-1938

(english translation.)

Hardwar, March 27.

Today I visited this Reading Room and saw its arrangements. This is an attractive scene amidst all the things of the Kumbh, where newspaper dailies, weeklies from different parts and of different languages come in, and daily seven thousand readers are benefited. Truly speaking this is a suitable place for mutual gathering, where one can know daily all about the world and see one's friends and acquaintances in time. 300 papers come hereinto. Besides this, kathas is recited here daily and lectures delivered. It is well equipped with telephone, loud speakers and electric light. With the permission of Shri Mahant Purandas ji one can use telephone



Shree 108 Shree Baba Dharam Das Ji
Maharaj Secretary, Udasin
Panchayati Bara Akhara, Kee'ganj,
Allahabad.

श्री १०८ श्रीबाबा धर्मदास जी महाराज
सैक्रेटरी उदासीन पंचायती बड़ा अखाड़ा
कीटगंज इलाहाबाद ।

for wherever it is connected. The work is conducted under the patronage of His Holiness Mahant Lakshman Das ji of Dehra Dun; and His Holiness Mahant Purandas ji of Hyderabad [Deccan] ably supervises every function. The pilgrims of the Kumbh are requested to visit this Reading Room. In this the Police will hold its Dangal on 5, 6, 7 April and from 7 to 12 April the Vaidya Sammelan will also take place.

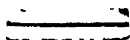
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Vir Bharat [Urdu] 30-3-193

(english translation.)

Shri Baba Purandas ji Udasin Manager of Free Reading Room and Sceretary of the Udasin Maha Mandal performed the flag hoisting ceremony and praising the services rendered by the volunteers of the Mahavirdal prayed for their success.



National Call Delhi, 31-3-1938

Reading Room in Hardwar
To the Editor National Call.

Sir,

Different eyes will see different things at Hardwar these days. Many Sabhas and Societies have tried to serve the Kumbh pilgrim in their noble way, but one thing which is a source of attraction to every keen observer is a telephone fitted Reading Room near Bhimgoda. The Reading Room is situated in a specially decorated Pandal with seating arrangement for 105 gentlemen and ladies [for ladies special arrangement has been made in a side Pandal]. News papers, Dailies, weeklies from all parts of India & 13 papers from abroad the sea are every morning found on the tables.

One speciality of all this is that the whole expenses are incurred by the Udasin Sadhus, who do not accept even a thousand from any other donor. In this age Sadhus helping and serving the public is a unique thing and

through your columns with your permission. I thank H. H. Mahant Poorandas [Hyderabad Deccan] the Secretary and Organisor of this Sabha.

Your sincerely
DR. BRAHMDATT SHARMA
B. Sc.
Jullundar Cantt.

Tej Delhi [Urdu] 31.3-1938

(*english translation*)

Of the thousands of things worth seeing on the occasion of the Kumbh at Hardwar the Free Reading Room established by the Shri-chandraUdasin Updeshak Sabha is a speciality. Therein, besides telephone connection, arrangements for the seating of 1000 persons have been made and special arrangement is there for ladies. In addition to all the Indian news papers, the papers from the countries abroad adds to the grandeur of the Reading Room. At night the Pandal got profusely illumined by electric light like "Diwali". For all this the

credit goes to Shri Mahant Purandas ji, who is always devoted to public service.

Pratap Lahore (Urdu) 31-3-1938
(english translation.)

An exquisetaly grand Reading Room has been built in the camp of Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasins, wherein above 300 readers can comfortably sit and read at a time. almost all the papers of India are provided for.

Leader Allahabad 31-3-1938

Hardwar March 26.

The first meeting was held at Shrichandra Free Reading Room under the presidentship of Mahant Agya Ram Udasi at which 4000 were present to mourn the loss of their beloved Maharaja who had been a pillar of strength of Sanatan Dhram moving the resolution. Baba Purandas said that the



Vedant Kesri Shree Swami Darshna Nand Ji
Manager Shree Chand Vidyalaya Benares.

वेदान्त केसरी श्री स्वामी दर्शनानन्द जी
संचालक श्रीचन्द्र विद्यालय, बनारस ।

Maharaja of Patiala has rendered a great services to the cause of Sanatan Dharm and the followers of this ancient religion of all over India.

Hindustan 17-4-1938

(*english transation.*)

Most beautiful and attractive was the Shri Guru Shrichandra Udasin Updeshak Sabha Reading Room of Shri Mahant Poorandas ji of Eyderabad [Deccan], which contained news papers not only in all languages of India, but also foreign papers in differrent foreign languages. It had a collection of 300 news papers. Two to three hundred men could sit and read papers at a time. About a dozen copies of each of the Hindustan, Vir Arjun, Hindi Milap, and others which were more popular could be available. Reports and rules of distant institutions were also in store. The entire project was marvelous. No reading room like this is to be found even in big cities. There

was an upto date arrangement for telephones, Loudspeakers, Radio, electricity etc. Attached to it was a spacious Pandal where, besides Katha and Updesh, other Societies and Sabhas could hold their meetings. Remark books were kept here and there in which readers could put down their opinions and express their difficulties. Mahant Purandas ji personally looked after every affair. In Prayag too he had arranged for a similar Reading Room at the time of Kumbh. This nice example of growing wakefulness, revolution and change among Sadhus will long hover before our eyes. Everywhere in the Mela this Reading Room was talked about and praised. Whosoever happened to see it was overpowered by its charm.

Daily Milap Lahore (Urdu) 13-4-1938

(english translation.)

But I was surprised at seeing the management of the Sadhus of Udasin Mandal. In

the garden of Muzaffarnagarwalas in front of Bhimgoda is a very large Pandal; where Kathas are recited; and Vaid conference was held. I was made President of the 7th April meeting. It therefore necessitated my going there. Adjoined to it is a very big thatched hall, where daily dozens of Hindi, English and Urdu papers are sent for and hundreds of people read them comfortably. There is a separate arrangement for women. Telephone is also fitted. Not a single pie is begged from any body; rather certain generous people offered heavy sums, which were refused. Udasin have a big Akhara. Sadhubela Sukkar and His Holiness Mahant. Lakshmandas Sahib of Dehra Dun contributed to this work. Swami Purandas ji is working this with full enthusiasm.

Sant Updesh 9-4-1938

(*english translation.*)

Police thanks to Shri Guru Shrichandra
Udasin Updeshak Sabha, dated 5-4-1938.

From Deputy Supdt. Police in charge
Police Dangal Hardwar Kumbh

We are very grateful to the Udasin Sampradaya, which gladly lent us the use of its stately Pandal free of charge for holding Police Dangal. We have hearty regards for this kindness and wish the Sabha to be ever devoted to such benevolent works. The income derived from this Dangal will be distributed among orphans and widows. The Udasin's atoms have considerably obliged us by lending us their Pandal for this charitable function.

Khetari Hitaishi April 1938

[*english translation.*]

It is indeed very delightful that His Holiness Mahant Shri Lakshmandas Sahib Sajjade Gaddi Nashin of Guru Ram Rai Sahib Dehra Dun has realised his responsibility towards the public. He is the Vice President of the Shri Guru Shrichandra



Shree 108 Shree Man Mahant Sant Ram Ji Akhara Mangalwala, Am

श्री १०८ श्रीमान् महन्त सन्तरामजी अखाड़ा संगलवाला अमृतसर

Udasin Updeshak Sabha. Shri 108 Harinam Das ji of Sadhu Bela Tirth Sukkhar is its President and Shri 108 Mahant Purandas ji Secretary. These holy personages wish to unite and run all the Akharas of the Udasin Sampraday by means of a trust and they have of course achieved their aim to some extent. With their personal efforts there exists a universal public library at Sukkhar (Sind). At Hardwar for the occasion of Kumbh they have founded an all time Free Reading Room in a beautiful place near Bhimgoda. The Pandal is fitted suitably with telephone etc., for the convenience of the public.

If Sadhus of other sects of the country too likewise strive for the spiritual, economical and political amelioration of the nation and set examples with their actions and advices, the condition of the country can be changed for better. We congratulate the Udasi Sampraday for this.

Shraddhanand Dehli 6-4-1938

(english translation.)

Where and what at Hardwar is worth seeing ? It is as follows

16—The Free Reading Room at Bhimgoda.

Tej Urdu Delhi 3-4-1938

(english translation)

On the Pandal of the Udasin Updeshk Sahba at Bhimgoda in the presence of ten thousand people Vedantacharya Swami Gan-geshwra Nand ji gave a speech on the uplift of the Hindu Nation.

Vir Bharat Lahore. 1-4-38

(english translation)

Swami Poorandas ji Maharaj has opened an imposing Reading Room at Bhimgoda,

which is provided with daily more or less 360 newspaper and magazines of English Urdu, Hind, Marathi, Gujrati etc. A part of it is specially kept for the ladies One thing worth note is that Railway time tables are available here for the facilities of the pilgrims On the attached Pandal Sadhu Mahatmas preach their sermons every day The Police Dargah will also be held here for which preparations are being made.

Sant Updesh Dainik Hindi

(english translation.)

April 1, 1938. On the Pandal of Shri Guru Shrichandra Upadeshak Sabha near Bhimgoda, Hardwar, there is a magestic Reading Room installed by His Holiness Baba Purandas Udasin of Hydrabad (Deccan). Daily, Weekly, fortnightly and monthly news papers of different countries and languages come into the Reading Room, and are read daily by more than ten thousand pilgrims. Almost all the leading papers

of the country have highly spoken of this Reading Room. On this place a meeting of the Sadhu conference was held under the presidentship of His Holines Mahant Shri Lakshaman Das Sahib of Dehra Dun and the following resolution was passed— "the meeting of the Managing Committee of the U. P. Udasin Sect Trust resolves that the Hindu Dharmadaya Bill, which is in the U. P. Assembly be condemned and the bill which has been prepared by the Trust be supported."
